

many distinguished local, State, and international awards.

Mel says, "Music is a picture painted on a background of silence. It is unique in that it allows our brain to see with our ears and hear with our hearts." Mel Shelton transforms the mystery and passion of Idaho and its citizens from the transcendent to the realm of the discernable, unlocking our ability to appreciate Idaho's heritage and beauty. I commend him on his lifelong dedication to music, to Idaho's children, and remarkable accomplishments as a master in his field.●

#### INDIANA SERVICE LEADERS SUMMIT

● Mr. BAYH. Mr. President, I wish to tell you about the extraordinary young Hoosiers I recently had the privilege to meet. Last month, I hosted my second annual Service Leaders Summit to honor high school students from across Indiana for their service and dedication to their communities and hopefully to inspire them to continue serving throughout their lives.

The young men and women I met last month have answered the call to service. Some of them have helped build homes, some tutored and mentored younger students, and others have raised money to support cancer research and to feed the hungry. Several of the young men and women started service clubs on their own to address the problems in their schools and communities. Each one of the students I met spent hours making a difference in their hometowns and together they have impacted the lives of thousands of Hoosiers.

The student leaders heard from Hoosiers of all backgrounds who have chosen to dedicate their lives to serving others. The speakers focused on the different aspects that make up a successful service project: inspiration, organization, dedication, evaluation and reflection. Following the speeches, the students and I prepared care packages to send to Hoosier troops serving in Iraq. Later, the students planted nearly 170 trees at a local park. Through their work together, these student leaders were able to experience the dramatic results from the power of service.

Robert F. Kennedy once said that "Some men see things as they are and say 'Why?' I dream of things that never were and say, 'Why not?'" Each one of these young men and women have already asked themselves "why not?" and have worked to make positive changes in their communities. They represent a new generation of promise with the potential to make a real difference across Indiana and the Nation.

I would like to thank each one of the following individuals for participating in the summit and for their service to their communities: Jennifer Ahoni, Kayla Ambers, Ashley Amerman, Carrie Anderson, Emily Backer, Kristy Backfish, Robin Baker, Shayla

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#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM AND CONNIE HUDGENS

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize a couple of my constituents who are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. William Randle and Connie Marie Hudgens celebrated their anniversary on November 10th.

Mr. Hudgens was born in Cornersville, AR, January 16, 1915. He moved to England, AR, in 1922 where he

met and married his bride, Connie Marie Saulter, born in England January 4, 1917.

They were married in the bride's home in England November 10, 1934.

Mr. Hudgens is a retired farmer and heavy equipment operator. He helped with the construction of Interstates 30 and 40. Mrs. Hudgens retired from Wal-Mart and worked many other jobs before. But her most important and rewarding job was as a wife and mother.

They have two daughters, Joyce Cates of North Little Rock and Sandra Evans of Lonoke.

They are also blessed with 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudgens now reside in Lonoke where they attend, and Mr. Hudgens is a deacon emeritus of Lonoke Baptist Church.●

#### TRIBUTE TO NORM NIELSEN

● Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I want to salute Norm Nielsen, president of Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IO, on his upcoming retirement. Dr. Nielsen has served the college and the greater community with dedication through both good and difficult times. During his tenure, and because of his commitment, talent and hard work, Kirkwood Community College has become a major contributor to economic development in Eastern Iowa.

During Dr. Nielsen's illustrious 18-year tenure at Kirkwood, the college has become the third largest institution of higher education in Iowa. Its excellence has been recognized with numerous honors and awards. For example, Kirkwood was named by the National Alliance of Business as its 2000-01 Community College of the Year.

I have known Norm for many years. I respect him as a true visionary who has helped to shape and transform the mission of our Nation's community college system. I respect him as a builder of programs and partnerships focused to enhance the quality of life in Eastern Iowa. Most of all, I respect Norm as a builder of people, a dedicated educator who believes in the transforming power of higher education and advanced training.

I salute Norm for his extraordinary work over the years in improving Iowa's community college system. I know that we can count on him to continue to play a contributing role even in retirement.

Norm Nielsen's leadership will be missed. But he will leave Kirkwood Community College in good hands, as Mick Starcevic takes over as president. Dr. Starcevic was previously superintendent of Prairie Community School District. Norm Nielsen is a tough act to follow, but I know that Mick is superbly qualified to take on the challenge of leading Kirkwood Community College into the future.●